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TAGS OVIP(HAWKINS, DAVID), AS, NZ, SENV
SUBJ: TRAVEL OF DAVID HAWKINS, ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR AIR AND
WASTE MANAGEMENT, U.S. EPA

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1. POST CONTROL OFFICER FOR HAWKINS' VISIT (PRESENTLY FSO JAMES C CURRAN; WILL BE FSO DANA MARSHALL) PHONED STATE MINISTER FOR CONSERVATION, THE HON WILLIAM A BORTHWICK'S OFFICE AND SPOKE TO MINISTER'S ASSISTANT JOHN CHAPMAN. HE ADVISED THAT OWNING TO PARLIAMENTARY BUSINESS IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO GUARANTEE ANY MEETING WITH THE MINISTER ON A GIVEN DAY IN WEEK OF MAY 8-12. HE RECOMMENDED INSTEAD THAT HAWKINS BE PROGRAMMED FOR ONE DAY WITH MR JACK FRASER, AMERICAN CITIZEN WHO IS CHAIRMAN OF VICTORIA'S ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY (EPA) WITH UNDERSTANDING MINISTER WOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO SEE HAWKINS SOME TIME ON SAME DAY.

2. CONTROL OFFICER CALLED FRASER WHO EXPRESSED GREAT INTEREST IN DISCUSSING MUTUAL PROBLEMS AND ISSUES WITH HAWKINS, BUT SAID HE WILL ONLY BE AVAILABLE ON THURSDAY MAY 11 OR FRIDAY MAY 12 OF THAT WEEK.

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3. TO AVOID BACK-TRACKING, POST SUGGESTS HAWKINS FOLLOW ROUTE: US-NZ-MELBOURNE-SYDNEY-BRISBANE, WHICH WOULD GIVEN HIM ALL DAY MAY 11 IN MELBOURNE AND ALL DAY MAY 12 IN SYDNEY. PLEASE ADVISE FLIGHT DETAILS ASAP AS WELL AS HOTEL REQUIREMENTS.

4. ASSUMING HAWKINS WILL BE IN MELBOURNE ON EITHER
MAY 11 OR MAY 12, FRASER OFFERS TO LAY ASIDE WHOLE DAY FOR
PROGRAM WITH FOLLOWING IDEAS IN MIND:

A) MORNING SESSION AT EPA WITH FRASER AND STAFF;

B) LUNCH(SUBJECT TO LAST MINUTE CHANGE) WITH MINISTER
BORTHWICK;

C) AFTERNOON SEMINAR ARRANGED JOINTLY BY EPA AND
CONGEN FOR INTERESTED PARTIES FROM PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS.

IF THIS PROGRAM AGREEABLE, PLEASE ADVISE ASAP.
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